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***DHS Announces Plans for a Pilot Program  
Providers Needed to Participate***

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has made a request (called a 'waiver') of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to conduct a pilot program (AB359) to test a new category of care delivery. This care delivery model would provide continuous (24-hour) nursing services to individuals with developmental disabilities in 4 to 15 bed community based settings. The purpose is to provide an alternative placement to developmentally disabled consumers who have previously only had options of placements such as sub-acute facilities, developmental centers or nursing facilities, due to the fragile nature of their medical conditions.

The pilot program entitled the Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled – Continuous Nursing (ICF/DD-CN) will consist of ten facilities throughout the state. Applications will be accepted by DHS for participation in the pilot program from October 1 through November 16, 2001. The pilot is expected to start January 2002 and continue through December 2005. Participating facilities will be chosen based on their ability to meet the requirements of the waiver. Although any licensed facility may apply, the requirements include meeting all Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled - Nursing (ICF/DD-N) criteria, plus 24 hour licensed nursing services, with a minimum of two hours of RN coverage per consumer per day and additional physical plant requirements. The reimbursement rates for the pilot are increased above the ICF/DD-N rates to cover the increased nursing costs.

The pilot program is designed to meet the needs of consumers who are currently limited to other settings to receive continuous nursing care. Some of those conditions could be tracheostomy care with or without ventilator dependence, total parenteral intravenous therapy, or intravenous administration of medications. Consumers enrolled in the following County Organized Health Systems - which include long term care coverage - are not eligible to participate in the pilot program: CalOPTIMA, Central Coast Alliance for Health, Partnership Healthplan of California, Santa Barbara Health Authority. However consumers from these counties who remain in fee-for-service Medi-Cal (i.e. are excluded from the managed health plan for any reason) are eligible to participate in the pilot program. \*(see next page for listing of counties)

***DHS will be providing training sessions at the following regional centers throughout the state to inform interested providers of the ICF/DD-CN pilot.*** Providers may attend any session convenient to their schedule. Application packets, including a copy of the waiver, will be available at these sessions.

## TRAINING SESSIONS

**All sessions will be from 1:00 to 5:00 PM**

Regional Center (RC)	RC Contact Person	Meeting Location	Meeting Date
Westside	Dannice Lether 310-258-4171	5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 320 Culver City, CA 90230	September 13, 2001
Central Valley	Linda Jourden-Wood 559-276-4359	4615 Marty Fresno, CA 93722	September 19, 2001
Inland	Terri McMullen 909-890-3033	674 Brier San Bernadino, CA 92408	September 26, 2001
Far Northern	Linda Cheatham 530-222-8795 ext. 3405	1900 Churn Creek Road #319 Redding, CA 96002	October 2, 2001
Regional Center of the East Bay	Lisa Klienbub 510-383-1307	2151 Salvio Street, Suite 365 Concord CA 95420	October 10, 2001
Alta	Linda Jones 916-978-6331	2135 Butano Drive Sacramento, CA 95825	October 23, 2001

**If you are interested in attending one of these sessions please RSVP at least 10 days prior to the session you prefer to attend: Thank you.**

*You may RSVP by:*

e-mail DHS at: [lsaunder@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:lsaunder@dhs.ca.gov)

or

complete this form and fax back to: Laura Saunders, Waiver Development Unit  
at 916-657-0957

Name(s) of those  
attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility you are  
representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Center session you are planning to  
attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

And/or your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Counties served by the managed care plans noted:

CalOPTIMA : Orange County

Central Coast Alliance for Health: Santa Cruz and Monterey

Partnership Healthplan of California: Napa, Solano, and Yolo

Santa Barbara Health Authority: Santa Barbara